

REMARKS

This responds to the Office Action mailed on February 16, 2007.

Claims 1, 3, 5, 7-8, 12, 15, and 19 are amended; claims 18 and 21-27 are cancelled without prejudice to the Applicants; as a result, claims 1-17 and 19-20 are now pending in this application. Example support for the amendments may be found throughout the specification, by way of example the Examiner's attention is directed to page 5 second full paragraph, page 13 second full paragraph, *etc.*

Claim Objections

Claims 7, 12, 19 and 26 were objected to for informalities. These informalities as identified by the Examiner have been corrected by amendments in the manner requested by the Examiner. Thus, these objections are now moot and should be withdrawn.

§101 Rejection of the Claims

Claim 21 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. Although Applicants disagree with the Examiner's contention with this point, claims 21-27 have been cancelled, so this rejection is now a moot point. Moreover, Applicants reserve the right to file later continuations directed to the subject matter of claims 21-27.

§112 Rejection of the Claims

Claims 3, 5 and 7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, for indefiniteness. Each of the claims rejected now recited that the client is the "non-authenticated client;" thus, the perceived ambiguity with these three claims has been corrected in the manner requested by the Examiner. Accordingly, the rejections with respect to this aspect of the rejection of claim 5 and the rejections of claims 3 and 7 have now been addressed and the rejections should be withdrawn.

Claim 5 was also rejected because the Examiner failed to see what aspect of the method was receiving the modified request. Applicants have corrected this ambiguity in the amended version of claim 5. Thus, this rejection is no longer appropriate and should be withdrawn.

§103 Rejection of the Claims

Claims 1, 3, 5-9, 11, 14-16, 18-21, 24 and 26-27 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Deen et al. (U.S. Publication No. 2003/0167317) in view of Burrows et al. (U.S. Publication No. 2005/0055434). It is of course fundamental that in order to sustain an obviousness rejection that each and every step or element in the rejected claims must be taught or suggested in the proposed combination of references.

Burrows is directed to assisting a server that cannot perform some protocols or operations by enlisting another server to perform those protocols or operations on its behalf. In Burrows, two servers cooperate to fulfill a request of a client, with one server performing some operations and the other being consulted as need to perform other operations. This interaction is unknown to the client. As but one example, see paragraph 39 and 40 of Burrows.

For purposes of maintaining the rejection, the Examiner has identified one of the cooperating servers as being the client recited in the Applicants' claims and then generally recites paragraphs 59-64 that discusses interactions between the two servers. Applicants realize that the terms in the claims are to be given their broadest possible interpretation and that this is why the Examiner has done this. However, it is noted that this misses the entire point of Applicants' invention, where a client (user) can provide content-bearing data, such as form information, to a service before that client is authenticated and then become authenticated and not have to again manually re-supply the content after successfully authentication. This is not an insignificant issue with commerce on the World-Wide Web.

Correspondingly, Applicants have amended the independent claims to preclude the interpretation made by the Examiner of the Burrows reference and to focus more specifically on what the Applicants' have provided. Applicants believe that these limitations are not now taught in either of the references either specifically or inherently. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the rejections of record be withdrawn and the claims be allowed.

Claims 2, 10, 17 and 25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Deen et al. in view of Burrows et al. and in view of Bodin et al. (U.S. 6,604,106). These claims are dependent from either amended independent claims or cancelled claims; thus for the amendments, cancellations, and remarks presented above, these claims should now be allowed and the rejections withdrawn. Applicants respectfully request an indication of the same.

Claims 4, 12, and 22-23 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Deen et al. in view of Burrows et al. and in view of Agarwalla et al. (U.S. 6,985,936). These claims are dependent from either amended independent claims or cancelled claims; thus for the amendments, cancellations, and remarks presented above, these claims should now be allowed and the rejections withdrawn. Applicants respectfully request an indication of the same.

Claim 12 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Deen et al. in view of Burrows et al. and in view of Rajan et al. (U.S. 6,871,220). Claim 12 is dependent from amended independent claim 8; therefore, for the amendments and remarks presented above with respect to independent claim 8, the rejection of claim 12 should be withdrawn and claim 12 allowed. Applicants respectfully request an indication of the same.

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CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance, and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicants' attorney at (513) 942-0224 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

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Respectfully submitted,

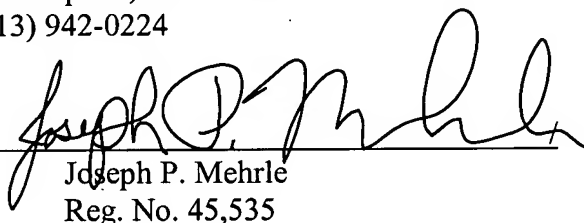
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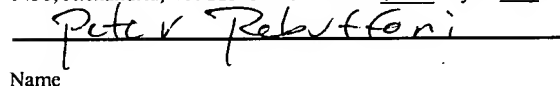
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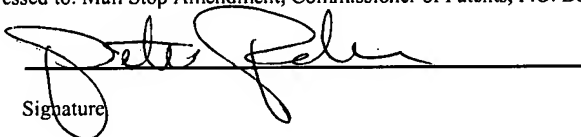
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